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1. HELLER (MEXICO) TELEPHONED SCHWEBEL TO SEEK U.S. VIEWS ON FOLLOWING PROCEDURE FOR SEPTEMBER CONSULTATIONS ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES OF UNCTAD CHARTER.

2. CASTANEDA, WHO WILL RETURN FROM CARACAS TO GENEVA PRIOR WEEKEND, WILL ADDRESS BOARD SEPTEMBER 3 TO ASK IT TO PUT OFF ITS ACTION ON CHARTER PENDING RESULTS OF CONSULTATIONS WHICH HE WILL IMMEDIATELY UNDERTAKE. UPON EXPECTED AGREEMENT OF BOARD, CONSULTATIONS WILL BE CONVENED SEPTEMBER 3 OR 4 AMONG THIRTEEN MEMBERS OF CONTACT GROUP THAT LAST MET IN MEXICO. THEY WILL RUN THROUGH WEEKEND UNTIL ABOUT SEPTEMBER 10, AT WHICH TIME CASTANEDA WILL HOPE TO BE ABLE TO REPORT AGREEMENT. IT CAN BE DECIDED AT THAT TIME WHETHER OR NOT SUBSEQUENT, WIDER CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE HELD AT THE UNGA AMONG

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ALL FORTY MEMBERS OF UNCTAD WORKING GROUP. MRS. HELLER

EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ABSENCE OF CERTAIN EXTREMISTS FROM CONTACT GROUP WOULD PROMOTE CHANCES OF AGREEMENT. MEXICO ALSO HOPED FOR CONTINUITY OF REPRESENTATION BY THOSE WHO HAD SAT IN THE CONTACT GROUP.

3. THIS PROCEDURE COMPORTS WITH UNDERSTANDING AT CLOSE OF MEXICO SESSION AND INFORMALLY AGREED AT UNCTAD SECGEN'S MEETING OF GROUP COORDINATORS (REFTEL) AND WE TOLD MRS. HELLER THAT OUR REACTION IS POSITIVE.

4. ONLY PROBLEM WE SEE IS THAT WESTERN STATES ARE REPRESENTED IN CONTACT GROUP BY JAPAN, U.S., AND EC-9, AS WELL AS BY TEESE (AUSTRALIA) IN CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF A SUBGROUP. IF EC-9 SENDS SINGLE SPOKESMAN, IT PRESUMABLY NOW WILL BE FRANCE, WHICH SAT OUT ENTIRE MEXICO MEETING OF WORKING GROUP WITHOUT A WORD. THAT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY REGRETTABLE IF FREELAND (UK), A TOWER OF STRENGTH AND PERCEPTIVITY IN MEXICO, WERE NOT TO BE PRESENT. WE ACCORDINGLY SUBSEQUENTLY SAID TO MRS. HELLER THAT OUR HOPE IS THAT MEMBERS OF CONTACT GROUP, INCLUDING EC-9, MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT, SO THAT, E.G., REPRESENTATIVE OF EC-9 COULD BE JOINED BY FREELAND. SHE WAS SYMPATHETIC, INDICATED THAT SHE WOULD RECOMMEND INVITATION BE DIRECTED TO FREELAND, AND THAT, IN ANY EVENT, SHE WOULD DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH TEESE. AT SAME TIME, APART FROM THIS EXCEPTION, SHE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AS FEW PERSONS AS POSSIBLE WOULD TAKE PART, FOR, IF NUMBER OF THE DELEGATIONS GREW, OR THEIR SIZE EXPANDED BEYOND SINGLE REPRESENTATIVE, THE INFORMALITY AND WORKABILITY OF THE CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE IMPAIRED. SHE WONDERED IF FREELAND COULD NOT REPLACE JAPANESE REP. SCHWEBEL SAID WE WERE NOT SUGGESTING THAT AND COULD NOT TAKE IT UPON OURSELVES TO SUGGEST FREELAND BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ANYONE; WE SIMPLY WISHED TO DRAW TO MEXICO'S ATTENTION USEFULNESS OF FREELAND'S PRESENCE.

5. MEMBERS OF GROUP B PARTICIPATING IN UNCTAD WORKING GROUP MEET JULY 25. THAT MAY PROVIDE OCCASION TO EXPLORE MATTER PRIVATELY WITH UK REPRESENTATIVE. ABRAMS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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